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1. CENTRAL ELECTION COUNCIL HAS ISSUED EXPLANATION OF REASONS FOR WHICH SENATORIAL SLATES WERE DISQUALIFIED. IN SOME CASES REAL REASON FOR DISQUALIFICATION WAS POLITICAL (E.G. COMMUNISM OR PRO-COMMUNIST NEUTRALISM), BUT IN ORDER TO AVOID POLITICAL CONTROVERSY STATED CAUSE FOR ELIMINATION WAS TECHNICALITY, SUCH AS INCOMPLETENESS OF DOSSIER.

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MEMBERS OF ELIMINATED SLATES ARE NATURALLY UNHAPPY WITH CENTRAL ELECTION COUNCIL'S DECISIONS AND THERE HAVE BEEN SOME COMPLAINTS THAT COUNCIL MADE ITS DETERMINATIONS IN ARBITARY FASHION. CONTRIBUTING TO DISCONTENT IS FACT THAT DELIBERATIONS OF COUNCIL WERE SECRET THROUGHOUT AND COUNCIL HAD AUTHORITY TO MAKE FINAL JUDGMENT IN ALL CASES SINCE UPPER HOUSE ELECTION LAW MADE NO PROVISION FOR REVIEW OF DOSSIERS BY A SECOND BODY. THIS CONTRASTS WITH RULINGS ON QUALIFICATIONS OF PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES WHICH WENT THROUGH SEVERAL DISTINCT STAGES AND WERE ULTIMATELY DECIDED BY VOTE OF NATIONAL ASSEMBLY IN PUBLIC SESSION. DESPITE

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GRUMBLINGS / MEMBERS OF SOME DISQUALIFIED SENATORIAL SLATES, COUNCIL'S DECISIONS WERE PROBABLY MADE FOR THE MOST PART IN GOOD CONSCIENCE, AND THERE REMAIN IN THE FIELD A GOOD CROSS-SECTION OF NATIONALIST GROUPS.

2. ONLY FOUR LISTS WERE EXPLICITLY DROPPED BECAUSE OF ARTICLES 1(19) AND 17(3) OF SENATORIAL ELECTION LAW FOR "ACTIVITIES IN THE INTEREST OF COMMUNISM OR PRO-COMMUNIST NEUTRALISM." THEY WERE LISTS 27, 31, 50 AND 55.

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3. ACCORDING TO CENTRAL ELECTION COUNCIL ELEVEN LISTS WERE DROPPED BECAUSE OF DOSSIERS NOT CONSISTENT WITH REQUIREMENTS (BAT HOP LE) AND BECAUSE THERE WERE NOT ENOUGH ALTERNATES TO MAKE UP A FULL LIST OF 10. THE ELEVEN ARE LISTS 18, 26, 33, 36, 42, 44, 45, 48, 51, 56 AND 64.

4. LIST 57 WAS ALLOWED TO VOLUNTARILY WITHDRAW.

5. OF THE 48 REMAINING LISTS, 30 WERE ACCEPTED WITHOUT CHANGE AND 18 WITH SUBSTITUTION. THESE SUBSTITUTIONS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

A. LIST 1--NGUYEN BICH THINH AKA AN KHE REPLACED BY DINH NGUYEN HONG AKA PHUONG HUU
B. LIST 6--PHAM VAN HIEU REPLACED BY MR. TRAN THI TICH
C. LIST 9--LAM BINH REPLACED BY TRAN VAN MUON
D. LIST 10--NGUYEN VAN HANH REPLACED BY NGUYEN DINH PHUONG
E. LIST 12--HUA TRAMQ
ISNIEPWVZBD BY NGUYEN MINH CHAU

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F. LIST 16--VINH LOI REPLACED BY NGUYEN HUU BA
G. LIST 21--PHAN TRI BINH REPLACED BY PHAM CAO SON
H. LIST 24--VO DAI TON REPLACED BY BUI VAN SET
I. LIST 28--CAO THANH DANH REPLACED BY DAO TRINH BINH
J. LIST 34--TRAN DO CUNG REPLACED BY DANG VU TIEM

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K. LIST 35--LAM MINH LE REPLACED BY BUI THANH DUONG
L. LIST 40--NGUYEN MAU REPLACED BY MRS. PHAN THI THU
M. LIST 43--TRUONG KHANH TAO REPLACED BY MRS. HO THI LAM
N. LIST 53--LE CHI CUONG REPLACED BY LAM DUY HAU
O. LIST 58--TONG VAN HAP AKA TRAN BUU DUC REPLACED BY TRAN XAO.
P. LIST 59--PHAN KIM KHANH AND NGUYEN CAN REPLACED BY VU VAN THINH AND MRS. VU THI NGUYEN LIEN
Q. LIST 62--HUYNH TRUNG LOC AND DANG VAN NHAN REPLACED BY NGUYEN VAN THINH AND XAU CHUC SAM
R. LIST 63--NGUYEN MINH HIEU AKA LU HO REPLACED BY NGO VAN QUANG. BUNKER

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